

COVID-19 Protocol

Social Distancing

In all school buildings, social distancing must be observed whenever possible. Social distancing means maintaining the recommended three (3) feet of space between students, and the recommended six (6) feet of space between students and teachers/staff, and among teachers/staff who are unvaccinated/not fully vaccinated. Classrooms and other common spaces will be arranged to accommodate social distancing throughout the school building. Student seating should be arranged so that students face in the same direction. **Floor markings will be utilized to maintain appropriate distance when students line up and travel through the halls.**

In instances where there is an uptick in, or heightened, transmission/infection levels in a school community, schools may consider increasing physical distancing protocols.

Restrooms and Locker Rooms

Social distancing will be maintained in restrooms and locker rooms. Stalls, lockers and other private spaces will be marked to maintain distance between individuals with the space. In addition, capacity and access may be limited in order to maintain social distance.

Lunch

Students will be seated in adherence with social distancing during lunch periods and will be expected to maintain a recommended 3 feet social distance while eating and drinking. Students who do not observe social distancing protocols will be redirected by a staff member; students who do not comply with this redirection will be escorted to a separate area, where they will be supervised but away from other students for the duration of the lunch period.

Recess

Students will have outdoor recess, weather permitting. When at least 3 feet of distance between students can be maintained outdoors, students will be permitted to remove their face coverings. Indoor recess, when required, will be held in spaces where social distancing can be maintained.

Physical Education

Physical education lessons and activities will be structured to facilitate social distancing. Contact sports and other activities that require students to be in close proximity to one another may not be included in the physical education program. Floor markings will be utilized to help structure activities, and class sizes will be monitored to provide adequate space for students to participate.

Office Spaces

Office spaces may be reassigned in order to facilitate social distancing. Capacity and access may be limited to maintain social distancing. Students, staff members, and visitors may be redirected from office spaces temporarily in order to maintain social distancing.

Staff Common Areas

Social distancing will be observed in all staff common areas, such as lounges and dining/cafeteria space. To accommodate social distancing, capacity for spaces may be limited.

Early Childhood Classrooms

Social distancing will be observed in the District's early childhood classrooms to the greatest extent possible while permitting the necessary supervision required for young children. Student nap areas and play areas will be arranged to promote social distancing. During lessons in which it is educationally important for a teacher to be able to show facial expressions to model how to pronounce words, a teacher

may utilize a clear face shield in lieu of a mask only for the limited time necessary, and only while strictly adhering to physical distancing recommendations.

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